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Re: Renewal Petition

Dear Ms. Grant,

Thank you for taking time to discuss what additional information you need from me to revive the patent application No. 10/603,841. First let me begin as you requested by noting that Dr. Harrington was addressed on the previous submission as you noted during our telephone conversation "without substantial intent". Secondly, let me apologize for any assignee confusion. I have never assigned this patent to anyone! Thirdly, the SB01 and SB81 forms are completed and attached per your request.

Finally, let me try to address any questions you might have regarding abandonment. This patent was never abandoned. I have never filed a patent application before and until 6-12 months ago, had no idea where the patent application actually stood. I had heard it could take some time to obtain a patent and had no idea what this really meant. After filing the original application and receiving multiple communications from the attorneys in Chicago every time they had a question regarding the patent application, the absence of communication meant to me that they had no further questions needing to be addressed, so I waited. They did not send me information or let me know that the USPTO had sent them a letter requesting answers. Their absence of communication left me to believe that the patent was being processed. Given my wife's second round of breast cancer and not having heard anything from the Chicago attorneys, I went through the long process of closing a medical office to better address my wife's second round of breast cancer. As a consequence of this, we were able to get her treatment, including surgery, chemotherapy and immunotherapy. While in the end, this proved successful for her it proved to be disastrous to our family.

I ended up moving from Omaha to work in various offices in Chicago, Reno and Missouri. During that time all of the information regarding the patent was moved around and efforts to recover information and follow up on the patent in the face of this proved challenging. After several years of moving around and trying to find the contact information, we were finally able to come up with the name of Foley and Lardner. I made several telephone calls to them and received no response. My conclusion was that the patent was still being reviewed. Again, during the application process, they communicated with me frequently to

get answers to their questions. They did not do this when you sent them a letter asking for clarification of patent prior art. When I discovered these questions, I responded to them in the revival application.

Finally during this last year, I was told the Chicago attorneys were no longer working on it. I had no idea what this meant. I began searching the internet and found the USPTO website. I made several telephone calls and after sometime I discovered that the patent was considered abandoned. I had no idea what this really meant. Clearly, I would NOT abandon something, which could help so many people. During these last 6+ months, I have been able to work with people at the USPTO who helped me discover what abandoned meant and what I should do about it. This was the first patent I have ever applied for and clearly if I had been smarter, I would have known what to do. It also would have been nice if the attorneys in Chicago would have answered their telephones and have let me know that you sent them a letter asking for information. Had they told me there was a request by your office for more information, I would have happily supplied it to them, just as I did to you during the application to revive this patent. Moving, working at government hospitals, addressing family crises including my wife's second round of breast cancer and trying to get ahold of a law firm that was not communicating with me, all lead to this exhausting amount of time. My first patent application was not abandoned and when I finally was able to figure out what had happened and collect the information about your questions and what I needed to do to revive this application, I found myself in 2012.

If you have any further questions or if I have forgotten to address something, please feel free to contact me directly by telephone, email or ground mail. Please forgive my lack of knowledge and accept my appreciation for your working with me to revive this process. I promise to do a better job with future applications. There was no intent to abandon.

Most respectfully,

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